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SUBJECT: LEBANESE ASYLUM SEEKER

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1. SINCE MANSOUR IS WITHIN HIS COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY, HE DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A REFUGEE AS FOUND IN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES. THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAS BEEN MONITORING THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND CONTINUES TO REGARD AFFECTED LEBANESE AS DISPLACED PERSONS RATHER THAN REFUGEES.

2. WHILE MANSOUR MAY FEAR PHYSICAL HARM AT THE HANDS OF HIS COUSINS, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO TO ASSIST HIM OR OTHERS IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE OF BRINGING THEM
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TO THE U.S. IT CONTINUES TO BE DEPT. POLICY TO CONSIDER CLAIMS TO ASYLUM BY LEBANESE IN THE U.S. WHICH ARE BASED SOLELY ON UNSETTLED CONDITIONS IN THAT COUNTRY AS UNFOUNDED. SUCH REASONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CONVENTION. WE, THEREFORE, UNWILLING TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENT OF ASKING INS TO CONSIDER SUCH CASES FOR POSSIBLE ENTRY INTO U.S.

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